

REMARKS

Claims 18-24, 31-36 and 41 are pending.

Claims 18, 20, 23, 36 and 41 are currently amended. These various amendments are described in detail below.

No new matter is added.

Claims 18-24, 31-36 and 41 are presented for reconsideration. New claims 42 and 43 are presented for consideration.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102(b)

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,164,372. Claim 20 is currently amended by adding the definition of R3 and R4 from claim 18 and the term “or together form an unsubstituted or substituted alkylene bridge (thus forming a ring with the binding nitrogen)” is deleted from the definition of R3 and R4 of claim 20.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Andersen et al. (*J. Med. Chem.* **1996**, 39(19), 3723-3738). Claim 23 is currently amended by deleting the term “halogen” from the definition of R1.

Claim 23 and 41 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Porter et al. (WO 94/14771). Claim 23 is further amended by adding the definition of R2 from claim 18 and deleting the term “hydrogen” from the definition of R2. Claim 41 is currently amended by deleting formula (XIV¹). New claim 42 is added to recapture formula (XIV¹) and the term “hydrogen” is deleted from the definition of R2 in claim 42.

Claim 36 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Macor et al. (*Tetrahedron*. **1992**, 48(6), 1039-1052). Claim 36 is currently amended by deleting formula (XIIIa). New claim 43 is added to recapture formula (XIIIa) and the term “hydrogen” is deleted from the definition of R2 in claim 43.

The Applicants therefore aver that the 35 USC 102(b) rejections are addressed and overcome.

Claim Objections – Formal Matters

Claim 18 is objected to because there is a definition of R' (from formula (I)) which is unnecessary since there is no R' in the structure of formula (II). As suggested by the Examiner, this term is deleted.

The Applicants therefore aver that the claim objections due to formal matters are addressed and overcome.

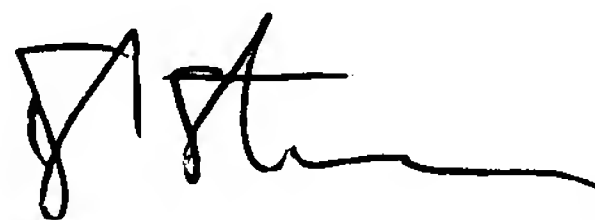
The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections and objections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter/Allowed Claims

Claims 19, 21, 22, 24 and 31-35 are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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